

**Contribution to the Nayadi and Pulaya Colonies.**

**451. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state how the Government contribution for the Nayadi and Pulaya colonies for the year 1105 have been spent and what was the amount of contribution to each?

**Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.**—Separate statements containing the available information regarding the different colonies are placed on the Council Table.

**Ernakulam Town Improvement.**

**452. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to answers to question 124 of the last Budget Session:—

(1) who reported that the Chittur road was repaired in 1104;

(2) what was the kind of repair effected;

(3) was the report in writing, and if so, will the Government be pleased to place it on the Council Table;

(4) will the Government be pleased to define a 'Trunk Road';

(5) are all the trunk roads within the Municipal area now maintained by the Public Works Department;

(6) were there any specific complaints about the condition of those roads now maintained by the Public Works Department, when they were maintained by the Municipality;

(7) if so, which were those roads and when were the complaints made and by whom;

(8) if there were complaints, were all or any of them brought to the notice of the Municipality?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—(1) The information was based on the reports from the local people. It is now known that no repairs were done to the road in 1104.

(2) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (1).

(3) Vide answer to sub-division (1).

(4) By 'Trunk Road' is meant a principal thoroughfare having connections with roads outside the Municipality.

(5) The following are the roads in the Municipality maintained by the Public Works Department and they are Trunk roads.

(1) Road from Ernakulam Railway Station to the toll gate *via* Cusba Station.

(2) Road from Ernakulam Railway Station to junction of Hill Palace road near Girls' School *via* Broadway.

(3) Road from Magistrate's Court to Edapilli toll gate.

(6) There were no specific complaints. But Government found that some of the main roads within the Municipality were in an unsatisfactory condition.

(7) Vide answer to (6). It is not possible to specify the roads.

(8) The bad condition of the roads was brought to the notice of the Municipality with a proposal to transfer them to the P. W. D.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—(1) Is there no record of any complaint?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—There were no written reports.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—(5) My question is, are all the trunk roads maintained.

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—The answer is clear. They are maintaining at present these 3 trunk roads, the trunk roads mentioned in the answer.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Do these exhaust the trunk roads in the Municipal area?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—They are the most important trunk roads in the Municipal area.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—All the trunk roads are not maintained then?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—As a matter of fact it must be understood that it is impossible to define a trunk road. We class a trunk road as those which have connections with the P. W. D. maintained roads and these are the only three roads which have such connections.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—(6) Did they bring it to the notice of the Municipal Council?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—The answer is given in part (8).

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—I did not make myself understood, I hope. Did the Government bring it to the notice of the Municipality when you found it so?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—They brought it to the notice of the Municipality with a proposal to transfer them to the P. W. D.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—(8) In what way was it brought to the notice?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—By means of a Government Proceedings.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—May I know the number?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—The exact reference is not with me now.

**Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—May I refresh your memory and ask you whether that observation was not contained in a speech by the Diwan?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—I want notice.

**Tramway working.**

**453. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement in the following form with regard to the working of the O. W. C. Range served by the Tramway for each of the last 10 years from 1096 to 1105:—

| 1    | 2                                                         | 3                              | 4                           | 5                                                | 6                                                         | 7                                                              | 8                                       | 9                      | 10                                                                               |
|------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year | Quantity of timber collected to be carried by the Tramway | Total collection charges for 2 | Hill depot measurement of 2 | Quantity of the same carried down by the Tramway | Measurement of 4 at the time of sale, etc., in the plains | Shortage of the measurement, i. e., difference between 4 and 6 | Amount realised by the sale, etc., of 6 | Expenditure on Tramway | Balance of the stock of timber to be sold every year brought down by the Tramway |

**Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.**—It is not possible to reply to the question because:—(a) i. The O. W. C. stock had to be completely renumbered, the original numbers having become worn out, during the verification of stock in 1100, and it is not therefore possible to trace out their original numbers and measurements given at the time of collection.

ii. Some of the Chalakkudi Depot record necessary for tracing out the required information were lost or spoiled beyond the possibility of use during the floods of 1099 when the depot office building was under water.